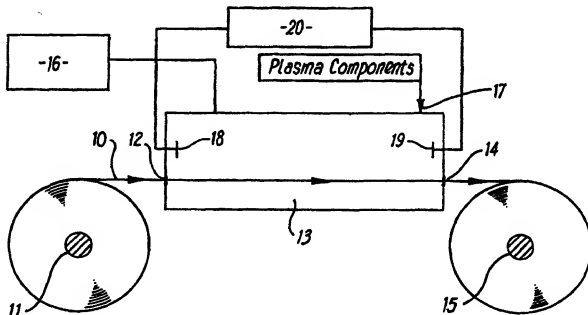




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(57) Abstract

An industrial fabric comprises synthetic yarns or fibres which have been subjected to plasma treatment. If fibres are used, they may be treated as fibres, when made up into yarns or when formed into a woven or nonwoven layer. One or both sides of the layer may be treated. The treatment may enhance hydrophilic properties by using a plasma containing oxygen, air or ammonia. Hydrophilic properties may be enhanced by using a plasma containing a silane, a siloxane or a perfluorocarbon.